

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1152

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Cindy Brown on her selection as Teacher of the Year at Baxter Elementary School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Cindy Brown is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Brown has recently been selected Teacher of the Year at Baxter Elementary School, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, an astute student herself, Cindy Brown received her bachelor's degree from Tennessee Technological University in 1980 and her master's degree from Cumberland University in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Brown has served with acumen and alacrity as a teacher for twenty-seven exemplary years; she began teaching at Sunshine Creative Preschool (1981-1982) before teaching kindergarten, first grade, and second grade at Baxter Elementary School (1982-1983), kindergarten at Sycamore Elementary School (1983-1986), and kindergarten again at Baxter Elementary School since 1986; and

WHEREAS, Cindy Brown gives back to her profession through her membership in various professional organizations, including Professional Education for Teachers, Alpha Delta Kappa, the International Reading Association, the Putnam County Education Association, the Tennessee Education Association, and the National Education Association; she also has served as Vice President for the Cumberland Regional Organization for Children Under Six; and

WHEREAS, distinguishing herself as a leader among her peers, Ms. Brown has participated in numerous educational leadership activities, including the International Reading

Substate Meeting in Arkansas, Building Blocks in Bowling Green, Orchard Training, Cross-Curricular Training, the Kindergarten Committee for the End of Year Program, and the Adoption Committee. She also has rendered sterling service as Co-Chair of the Box Tops for Education Committee and as the Reading Olympics Coordinator for her school, while mentoring countless teachers and student teachers and creating a professional development presentation for her colleagues at Baxter Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Cindy Brown's excellence as an educator has been duly recognized by her receipt of many honors and awards, including two mini-grants from the Putnam Education Partnership Foundation and the 1993 Building Level Teacher of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Brown is a civic-minded individual who tirelessly works for the improvement of her community; she contributes her time and many talents to her church's youth groups, the Crisis Pregnancy Center, Student Committee for College, Genesis House Collection, Rescue Mission, and Vacation Bible School; she has enriched the lives of her fellow citizens through her efforts with Cornerstone Middle School and Chorus fundraisers and with the Upperman High School Improvement Plan Committee, Project Graduation, and the Drama Club; and

WHEREAS, Cindy Brown is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Brown truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Cindy Brown epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Cindy Brown on being chosen as Teacher of the Year at Baxter Elementary School, commend her exceptional service to the

children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.